## *Ivesia webberi* A. Gray

## WEBBER IVESIA

**FAMILY:** *Rosaceae*, the rose family.

SYNONYMS: Potentilla webberi Horkelia webberi

## **STATUS:**

Heritage Program SENSITIVE LIST, ranks: G2 S1

**USFWS/ESA:** species of concern. **STATE OF NEVADA:** recommended for full protection. **BLM:** Special Status Species in Nevada and California. **USFS:** Humboldt-Toiyabe NF and Region 5 (California) Sensitive Species. **NNNPS:** THREATENED.

- POPULATION CENSUS (NEVADA): 6 occurrences mapped at 1.0 km (0.6 mi) separation, OR 8 occurrences mapped at 0.16 km (0.1 mi) separation; total estimated individuals 4,700,000+, total estimated area 13.0 ha (32.1 ac). TREND: DECLINING.
- **IMPACTS AND MAJOR THREATS (NEVADA):** Residential development, road development and maintenance, off-road vehicle use, vulnerable to concentrated livestock trampling, fire suppression activities, competition from invasive weeds.
- **INVENTORY EFFORT (NEVADA):** Surveys mostly complete. Most recent entered survey 2000, average year of last survey 1993. **Years since last entered survey** (percent of mapped records at various survey ages): **0-5 yrs:** 88.9%; **31-50 yrs:** 11.1%.
- **LAND MANAGEMENT** (NEVADA) in decreasing predominance: private lands, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Nevada state lands (?), Native American lands (?).
- **RANGE:** Douglas and Washoe counties, Nevada; also in CA. Known in Nevada from the Pine Nut and Carson ranges and Peavine Mountain. Maximum Nevada **range dimension 21.5 km (13.4 mi)** excluding most disjunct record.
- ELEVATIONS RECORDED (NEVADA): 4000-5950 feet (1219-1814 meters).
- **HABITAT (NEVADA):** Shallow shrink-swell clay soils with a gravelly surface layer over volcanic, generally andesitic bedrock, on mid-elevation benches and flats, usually codominating with Artemisia arbuscula and Elymus elymoides in association with Antennaria dimorpha, Balsamorhiza hookeri, Erigeron bloomeri, Lewisia rediviva, Viola beckwithii, etc.
- PHENOLOGY: flowering late-spring to summer. Range of most frequent survey months: April-September.

**LIFE-FORM AND HABIT:** small perennial herb.

- **DESCRIPTION:** A perennial, tap-rooted low spreading herb. **Distinguishing features:** A perennial, taprooted low spreading herb to 2.5 dm across with silky haired grayish leaflets clustered at the tips of a dark red rachis and bright yellow ball-like heads of flowers. This distinctive species is not likely to be confused with other similar species. Most resembles I. unguiculata in the leaflets; but these are crowded on an inch or less of the rachis, and the villosity is less dense and silky; also the petals are smaller and bright yellow.
- **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Weixelman and Atwood (1990), Witham (2000); Nevada Natural Heritage Program images web page (1998-present), slide collection (1986-present), and files.

ILLUSTRATIONS: Cronquist et al. (1997), Weixelman and Atwood (1990).

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